(b) the criteria and principles adopted by the Council to assess the eligibility of an institution to receive its accreditation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) assesses and accredits universities/university level institutions recognised by UGC and colleges affiliated to recognised universities, with an objective of helping them to work continuously to improve upon the quality of teaching and research. The minimum eligibility criteria for assessment is that an institution should have completed five years of standing or two batches of passes out students. Assessment is a performance evaluation of an institution and/or its units and is accomplished through a process based on self-study and peer review using defined criteria such as curricular aspects, teaching, learning and evaluation, research consultancy and extension, infrastructure and learning resources, student support and progression, organisation and management, healthy practices, etc.

Privatisation of college/university education

402. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under active consideration to privatise college and university education in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal from Government of India to privatise higher education.

Inclusion of sports upto class XII

403. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a lively debate was on whether sports should be made compulsory till class XII; and